

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SENIOR HEALTH, SECURITY, AND RETIREMENT

327 House Office Building

Tuesday 12:00 P.M.

December 4, 2007

Representative Robert Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Robert Jones requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Robert Jones, Constan, Hopgood, Lemmons, Ball, Green, Sheen and Stahl.

Absent: Representative Warren.

Representative Constan moved to excuse the absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBER ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Warren.

Representative Constan moved to approve the minutes of the **November 27, 2007** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Chair laid HB 5499 before the committee.

HB 5499 Robert Jones Probate; guardians and conservators; rights of the incapacitated; define.

The Chair, Representative Robert Jones, explained his bill to the committee.

Josh Ard, representing the State Bar of Michigan (Elder Law and Disability Rights Section) testified in **support** of HB 5499. Questions and discussion followed.

Tom Masseau and Mark Cody, representing the Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service, Inc. testified in **support** of HB 5499. Questions and discussion followed.

Patrick McCollough, representing the Michigan Probate Judges Association, testified in **opposition** to HB 5499. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating **support** for HB 5499 but did not wish to speak.

Kate White, representing Elder Law of Michigan

Stephanie Wuttke, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project

Bill Knox, representing the Michigan AARP

Bill Kandler, representing the Mental Health Association of Michigan, submitted a letter indicating **no position** at this time on HB 5499.

With no further business to come before the committee, **the Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **12:40 p.m.**

Representative Robert Jones, Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
December 4, 2007
40 minutes